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BASKETBALL AND BACTERIA

January has not been a dull month by all means. The Flu Bugs and Basket ball fans have had lots to talk about.

During the holidays and the early part of January, the flu squad numbered around fifty. Everybody seemed to be doing it. The germs had a fair picnic all the time, our athletic program had to give way somewhat until this picnic was over.

Now the Flu epidemic seems to be passing and in the same proportion Athletics are coming again into the lime light.

The early Basket ball games showed that our girls certainly know their spinach, January's record just seems to prove that, games this month resulted in victories for the first team over Lexington, Statesville, Spencer, and Mooresville, with the second team losing to Lexington and Union Grove only.

The boys team is getting better and manage to score a little more in each game, but so far haven't thrown a real scare into their opponents. Their schedule has been a hard one and the squad is small. Their consistent effort under these circumstances is certainly to be commended.

The lightweights had their first game Saturday, January 26. They played a light team from Charlotte Y. M. C. A. and lost by the score of 26 to 10. Considering the difference in the experience of the two teams, our boys did pretty good and we are looking forward to their rating high some day.

Wrestling—We have had three meets so far, losing the first to Concord Y. M. C. A. by the score of 18-5. The second to Winston-Salem High by the score of 10 to 9. The third meet was with Concord Y again and was our first on the home court. Our boys won by the score of 18 to 8. We will soon go out against the Davidson Fresh for a pair of meets, and may be we can win one of these.

Spontaneous Combustion

So much for official sports. A lot can still be said about the other kind.

Peg seems to bid everything just now, and there are times during the day when the air is thick with pegs. Why somebody doesn't get beaned or collect a few of these flying bits of wood in their ears, eyes, or mouths must be because the pegs themselves are good dodgers.

One eyed cat has its devotees, whenever any sort of a ball can be found to do service. Roller skating is still popular for which the manufacturers of liniment are thankful. The urge for hunting squirrels and trapping rabbits has subsided somewhat, but it will soon be time to keep a close watch on anything that will unravel into a kite string for March winds seem to be created just for flying kites.

Athletics and Appetites.—They do have a connection, if you do not believe it ask the Rumple Hall girls, whose duty it is to carry food to the various tables in the dining room. This squad of twenty or more carry in loaded dishes for about twenty minutes each meal, and carry out the empty dishes in about five minutes.

The difference between the in-coming and out-going loads is being transformed into live folks. Meat into muscle—bread into brains—calories and carbohydrates into Tom, Dick and Sally, so to speak. Possibly nobody realizes quite as vividly as these girls waiting on the tables, just how much food is used daily by our big family. Anyhow it seems particularly fitting that they should have chosen for their subject as a thing for which we should be especially thankful, "That we always have plenty of food."

It will soon be time for our mid-winter clinic when we carefully weigh and measure each child here. This is an extremely interesting occasion and at this time we find out some of the reasons for the tons and tons of food consumed during the year. The average yearly increase in weight of our family is around two tons.

Some of your statiticians figure out how many tons of biscuits it takes to make a ton of Bills.

Farm - Campus

Don't you ever think the farm has quit work because the winters blasts are beginning to become active.

The farm boys are just beginning to limber up in their work.

The hogs are letting their last grunts these days. About every two weeks you sgee Mr. Cavin with a gun in his hand. Next you hear a bang and we have sausage for three straight days.

I hear we are going to build a new football field, but the stalwart youths of the farm will get it done in limited time.

This month we have under construction a new shop. The cement floor has just been poured and we are now pouring cement for the showerbaths in Jennie Gilmer Cottage.

We were about to forget about the wood we have been chopping. Anybody would get swimmy headed if they tried to watch the falling tree tops. We are just a bunch of wood chucks in the winter and bear that name until spring comes along.

The other day Ab was trying to show Jasper how to chop wood. Ab said, "Jasper, to learn to chop wood is just like anything else, you gotto start at the bottom." About this time Jasper said, "Ab, you forgot about swimming didn't you?"

Jim Lucky seems to like his new home at Barium. He doesn't have to bring his lunch to work, because he only lives about a half a mile from the shop.

Bob cut down a tree the other day to see if he could find an o'possum. When the tree fell he could not find one, but two days later a dead o'possum was found in the hollow part of the tree.

As Ever,
MACK and FRED

Ed Got There, Alright

The printshop has already heard from Edwin Chapman, Reno, Nevada. Just wanted to have the Messenger sent to him since he's gone there to make his home. His address is P. O. Box 201.

——P. O. H.——

Happy thought—Sunshine in your soul makes you feel just as good as moonshine in your tummy.

Legacies

We like to glance through the editorial columns of our paper of a year back to see what seemed to be struggling to get off our chest at that time.

We find that just a year ago we were rather frantically explaining to our friends that the account of a large legacy then in the papers was not going to relieve the churches of any future contributions. This was the James legacy of New York and it occasioned such rejoicing among our friends that almost everyone apparently forgot the necessity of contributing to the orphanage support in their eagerness to congratulate us.

Mention of this same legacy again found the front page of the papers just before Christmas and again set up such rejoicing that many of our friends must have put their pens and check books back in their pockets in order to have both hands free for applauding.

Three times this has happened, the last time when some reporter dug up some mention of this estate in the office of the tax auditors in New York where this legacy is apparently spending a year or two.

Some day we hope to get this but that day never seems to approach any nearer than "next week" and it has been that near since last May. We want to repeat here a few things about legacies that we hope everyone will remember.

First: When the account of a legacy gets in the newspapers—usually a short time after the death of testator, it is seldom less than eighteen months before any settlement is made If the orphanage is one of the residuary legatees and the property includes real estate some times settlement is defered for years, the one we have on our hands is nearing ten years and settlement is not yet in sight.

Second: When a legacy is paid, even when no retrictions are contained in the bequest, it is the policy of this institution to apply all the proceeds to either the endownment or a very necessary permanent improvement. Now the uses to which these funds are put are either to provide income by investment, or by some improvement to make for the more economical or safe handling of the institution. Both of these mean an indirect saving to the church, but not in the sudden lifting of responsibilities that so many seem to imagine.

An endowment is needed for an institution the size of Barium and of the other large orphanages in this and other denominations Barium stands near the bottom in this matter,

Practically the only way this is built up is by applying the legacies to it. Theese are the last gifts of friends who have no doubt through their lives helped to carry on this great work.

We want their help to be felt through the years to come, and not use this money in a sudden wave of spending.

As we look back over the history of this great place we find that legacies have played a mighty part in its building up and our gratitude increase to departed friends for their devotion and liberalty.

Ought we not be extremely careful to safeguard these gifts that have come and are coming to us, and to do nothing that might prevent those now living from remembering this work in their wills.

Just Two More Months To Go And The Score Is—See Below

PRESBYTERY	January Receipts	Amount per Mem.	Amount ahead or Behind Per Mem.	Standing last Year
Winston-Salem	$ 554.31	17 c.	$1.02¼c ahead	$1.15¼c ahead
Mecklenburg	$2003.12	12¾c.	12½c. behind	11 c ahead
Concord	$1133.16	10½c.	14 c behind	14¼c ahead
Kings Mountain	$ 424.79	9 c.	29½c behind	2¼c behind
Albemarle	$ 151.10	4 c.	32¾c behind	12 c. behind
Orange	$2096.72	20¾c.	35½c behind	20¼c behind
Granville	$ 265.74	5¼c.	36 c behind	12¾c ahead
Wilmington	$ 683.98	9 c.	50¾c behind	41¾c behind
Fayetteville	$1199.20	10½c.	56½c behind	41¼ behind
*SYNOD - - -	$8512.12	11.8c.	24.3c. behind	1.7c. behind

OUR comment on our table of receipts will be just to point out certain facts and comparisons.

First, every Presbytery, without a single exception, is below its standing a year ago.

Second, the total receipts for January is two hundred dollars better than January, 1928, but following the big shortage of November and December it doesn't begin to even up. The Synod as a whole, lacked just a fraction of a cent of providing enough money for JANUARY (lacking about $500.00 of the estimate.) If all obligations had been cleared up before this month began we would be happy, but that $16,000.00 shortage in receipts during the previous months made this January anything but a pleasant one financially.

To illustrate, you can get along with mighty little money between pay days, but on pay day you need a lot to pay up your bills. Well, January is supposed to be our pay day and we have had to get along on just the amount sufficient for the day's expense. It is a fine thing to have good credit and this institution does have that, and this enables it to get along without great embarrassment during the months from April to November when usually just a sixth of the money needed comes in. But when it comes to pay-up time things are entirely different. We must pay up and a great falling behind, like we have just experienced, places us in a position where it is not only extremely difficult to carry on, but which is liable to permanently impair the credit rating that is so necessary for us.

Let's analyze this table a little closer. Winston-Salem is way ahead of the date, the pity is that her membership is so small, if that $1.00 a member lead was carried by one of the larger Presbyteries it would mean a lot more, and if by the entire Synod would mean $72,000.00 ahead of our Budget instead of $18000.00 behind. Don't we need more to join this one Presbytery?

Mecklenburg, our largest Presbytery, is exactly one month behind schedule, a matter of $1,964.00. If she will just do three months work in the next two she will end the year even. She is $3,692.00 behind her standing this date last year.

Concord, third largest Presbytery, is slightly over a month behind schedule, $1,492.00 is the amount she lacks of being up to date and $3,037.00 the amount behind this date last year.

Kings Mountain, seventh in size, is two and one third months behind schedule, $1,467.00, and $1,360 behind last year. She must do over four months work in two to catch up by the end of the year.

Albemarle, eight in size, is over two and a half months behind schedule, $1,186.00, and $719.00 behind last year.

Orange, number 4 in size, is nearly three months behind schedule, $3,555.00, and $1,550.00 behind last year.

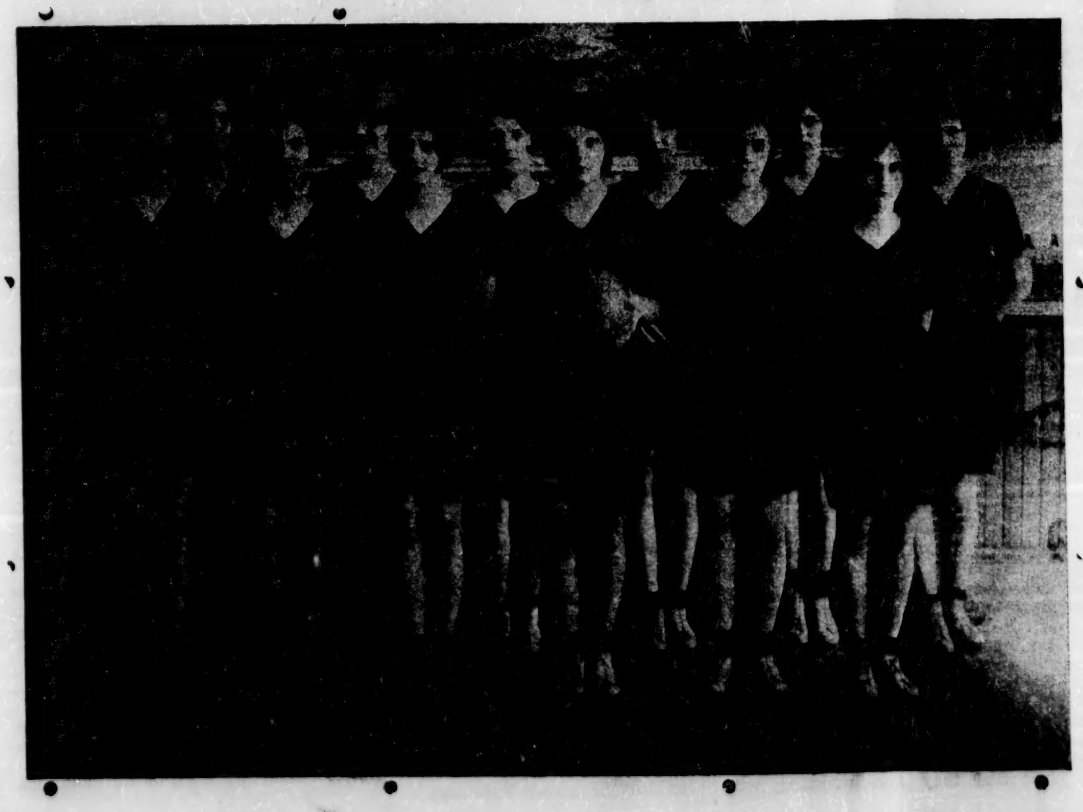
Granville, number 6 in size, is about a day further behind than Orange $1,813.00, and $2,452.00 behind last year. Granville was a whole month ahead last year.

Wilmington, the fifth or middle Presbytery in size, is four months behind schedule, $3,794.00, and $674.82 behind last year.

Fayetteville next to largest in size, is four and one half months behind $6,473.00, and $1,719.00 behind last year.

The last two Presbyteries have just about half the year's work to do in the remaining two months. The Synod, as a whole, is almost exactly two months behind SCHEDULE, a matter of $17,562, and $16,333.00 behind last year.

Barium Basketeers Keep Smiling



Honor Roll For 1st Term

1928 - 1929

THIRD GRADE
Leila Johnston

FOURTH GRADE
Clara Wadsworth
Alberta Wadsworth
Rhoda Jones

FIFTH GRADE
T. L. O'Kelley, Jr.
Miriam Sanders

SEVENTH GRADE
Marian McCall

NINTH GRADE
Alice Craig

POST GRADUATE
Dennis Boyette

——P. O. H. ——

Clothing Money

Aux. Howard Memorial Mrs. Mabry Hart	5.00
Jessie Keenan Wise Wilmington	200.00
Flora Grady B.C., Tenth Ave S. S.	20.00
Aux. Fayetteville 1st	23.00
Mrs. W. A. Sharpe, Greensboro	5.00
Beg. and Pri. Dept., Washington	2.25
Aux. North Wilkesboro	20.00
Aux. Circle 2, Maxton 1st	20.75
TOTAL	$302.00

Merit Roll For 1st Term

1928—1929

First Grade—Walter Motte, John Cole McCrimmon Helen Thomas.

Second Grade—Fred Boyd, Margaret Cook, Hugh McCrimmon, Freida McIntosh, Charles O'Kelley.

Third Grade—Wilma Dry, Mabel Flowers, Claiborne Jessup, Clarence Link, Effie Lee Marlow, Ray Norman, David Spencer, Edmonia Steele, Hattie Townsend, Lugene White.

Fourth Grade—Dewey Barnhill, Wayne Colvin, Fred Elliott, Mary Lee Kennedy, Billie Martin, Edna Marlow, Carmet Sigmond Ralph Spencer, Ernest White, George Spencer.

Fifth Grade—Cheek Freeman, Edward McCall, A. D. Potter, Hattie Morris.

Sixth Grade—Herbert Blue, Margaret Brooks, Harry East, Morris Freeman, Myrtle Johnson, Phyllis Morgan, Lois Motte, Bruce Parcell, Dorothy Thomas.

Seventh Grade—Lucille Beck, Joe Keenan, Jeanette Steele, Mildred Thomas, Boyce Morgan.

Eighth Grade—Louise Cavin, Eula Lee Walton.

Ninth Grade—Lorena Clark, Marguerite Todd.

Tenth Grade— Rachel Dowless, Katherine Kerley.

Eleventh Grade—Letha Copeland.

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FRAGMENTS

—BY—

ELIZABETH GASTON

ESCAPE

Oh! to be a bird and fly away
Far rom all earthly strife,
I'd sit in the top of yonder tree,
And laugh and laugh at life.

Then I'd fly way up to the nearest cloud
And never come back again,
I'd sing my song from morn till night,
With never a thought of pain.

SPRING SONG

April comes softly stealing-
Casting her mantle o'er all.
Maples in a haze or redgleam anew
In the warm sunshine.
From the woods a delicate green
Mingles with the white of the dogwood blossom.
A flash of blue and a liquid trill
Proclaim the return of the bluebird,
The harbinger of spring.
Oh ! the world is a
Beautiful place in April,
But must I always
Enjoy her beauty alone?
To see April again with you
Would be joy unspeakable.
There must always be a
Sadness in my heart
Until we two wander
Hand in hand
Amid the awakening
Trees and flowers.

DARKNESS

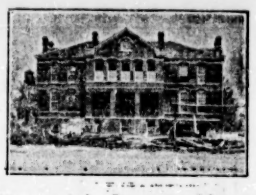
I like the dark—
Soft, inky-black, velvety,
Calm, lovely dark.

I like the dark—
It shuts me away from the things of light
Envelloping me close.

I like the dark—
It brings me thoughts that only come
When light is far away.

I like the dark—
It brings me close to my innermost soul
Which is the best of me.

Lees



News again! It seems like we had just written the December news. Lots of our boys have been sick. Garnett Bradley just cameup from the Infirmary afterstaying down there quite awhile with pneumonia.

We have had plenty of basketball games. Soon we will have a little team.

Our boys have not beaten a game this year, but you wait,, they are just getting warmed up. They will beat at least one game. The girls have not been beaten this year.

We have had a wrestling team that has had two meets this year and lost them both with very close scores. We have two boys from our cottage on the team.

The movies have been very good for the past few weeks and we hope to have a good one this week.

We haven't any more news to write so I guess this station will sign off.

"Just Us Boys"

—P. O. H.—

EXCHANGES *and* Wheezes

THE PRINTER'S TOWEL

When I think of the towel,
The old-fashioned towel,
That used to hang up by the printing-house door,

I think that nobody,
In these days of shoddy,
Can hammer out iron to wear as it wore.

The tramp who abused it,
The devil who used it,
The comp. who got at it when these two were gone,

The make-up foreman,
The editor, poor man,
Each rubbed some grime off for the heap they put on.

In, over, and under,
'Twas blacker than thunder;
'Twas harder than poverty, rougher than sin.

From the roller suspended,
It never bended,
And it flapped on the wall like a banner of tin.

It grew thicker and rougher,
And harder and tougher,
And daily put on a more inkier hue;
Till one windy morning,
Without any warning,
It fell to the flour and broke in two.

Laundry

Laundry? Guess so!

We want to thank everyone for keeping the clothes so clean during the holidays.

Hurrah! The mid-term exams are over and everyone is glad. Did we flunk? Ask the teacher. Ho! ho! ho! and a bottle of booze!

You ought to come and see our class room shiek, Grace Henry. She Strutts around in blue overalls and a red jazz bow. Aint she sweet?

Miss Ford trying to teach Eloise the definition of thief:

Miss Ford: Well, for example, If I was to put my hand in your pocket and pull out a dime, what would I be?'

Eloise: "A magician".

Bozo Bobbitt is trying her best to reduce.

She only eats a couple of eggs, two or three slices of toast, and a few pieces of ham for breakfast. She says she never eats a heavy one.

We certainly are enjoying the basket ball games played by our girls and boys. The girls first team hasn't been defeated a time yet. The boys aren't doing so great because this is their first year to plav, but just the same we are proud em.

Dot to Mozelle who was trying to lift a heavy plank:

"You must think you are Sampson.' Mozelle: "I'm not Sam's son, I'm Sam's girl."

Ruth Freeman continues to grow taller. We have already put weights on her head and bored holes thru the top of the laundry. What more can we do?

Elizabeth Savage: "You know I am desperately in love."

Mary Alice Mott: "Who with please?"

Eliz.: "That's just what I've been trying to find out."

Mary A.: "So's your old pal."

The perculator fell over and strained its coffee.

Dorothy Colvin: "What is the date please?"

Miss Baldwin: "Never mind the date. The examination is more important."

Dorothy: "Well I wanted to have something right on my paper."

The boys have killed hogs nearly every day this week. We hope to have sausage as long as the hogs last

Does Uncle Mun ever have any company? Ask him.

Fannie and Katherine had been discussing the Army and Navy for some time:

Katherine: "What is the Army and Navy for anyway?"

Fannie: "For? The Army and Navy forever."

Who? Me
What? Exam
Where? School.
Which? Algebra.
How? Hard.

There is nothing much newsy down here, and anyway Miss Ford says for us to hang our close on this line.

Rumple Hall

Exams are over with for the first half of our school term and we are sure glad. The last exams are not as bad as the first are they?

Nearly all of our girls have had the flu. Those that have not had it are lucky we think with so much of it having been in the cottage. Just three of our girls are at the infirmary now.

Mrs. Johnston took her and Miss Thompson's Sunday School classes to Statesville last Saturday. They reported a fine time.

Next month we hope to have a cottage Honor Roll to publish.

"The Bread Cutter"

The Pi Counter

"From the Hand that Keeps the World Informed"

Greetings! Have you had 'flu?'

Since January 1st there has been flu, mid-term examinations, (passing and flunking), a birthday dinner, and as Saturday, February 2nd approaches we are prone o wonder with thots of the ground-hog.

On the 16th of January thirty-three overated appetites kicked feet under a birthday table and participated in savory dishes like barbecued pig, fried oysters, candied sweets, French fried, cream and cake—and other good things.

We don't know whether any of this 33 are convalescent from flu, but 78 per cent of the Barium Springs family has had it since December 15th.

A prominent factor of the campus has been missed for the past month now. And his absence due to being bedfast. We are hoping for our good friend and pastor of Little Joe's, a safe and speedy recovery.

So far—so good, goes the comment on basketball for the girls. Not one game have they lost—and Coach McMillan is hoping to have a boy's record of achievement to correspond with that of the girls soon.

Jennie Gilmer

We haven't had any news in the Messenger for a long time and everybody agrees that it is about time we were having some, but they sure picked the wrong one when they picked.

The hurricane which hit the high school students last week, generally known around here as mid-term exams, left a few of us dazed but I don't think anyone flunked fatally, although some of us will have to work hard this next term to make it up. I am convinced that we are equal to the task and all will win in the end.

Our basketball season is at its heighth now and the girls continue to win while the boys lose, so our opponents won't feel bad. The boys seem to be improving very much and we will win one yet.

Mr. Brown, our pastor, has been ill for nearly a month now, but we are glad to hear that he is improving and will soon be back to preach for us.

During Mr. Brown's illness we have been exceedingly fortunate in getting someone to fill his pulpit on Sunday. We had a team from Mooresville, Dr. Flow, an evangelist of Davidson, and a team from the Davidson Y. M. C. A. to hold the services for us on successive Sundays. We enjoyed the messages these men brought to us and hope they will find time to revisit us.

A visitor at Jennie Gilmer will notice a decided change in the appearance of the interior of the building, since "Buck" Jackins took over the supervision of the building. He has already had new shades put on the windows and Mr. Grier's group has torn out the old shower baths and are going to put in new tile ones. The building looks a thousand times better, thanks to Buck.

Dennis Boyette, one of last year's senior class, who was taking a post-graduate course up here finished his work and has returned home. We are sorry you left us, Dennis, old boy, but we don't guess you are sorry to give us up.

Our movies have been unusually good for the past few months. We have had a few that were especially good. "Vamping Venus" with Charlie Murray, "Road to Romance, and "Private Izzy Murphy" were some of the best we have had.

The wrestling team has started practice and have already had one meet with the Concord Y. M. C. A. They were not able to win due to the fact that they were wrestling with men much older and more experienced. We hope them luck in their future meets with such teams as Davidson Fresh and Winston-Salem High, and we know they will need it.

We have had some rather cool weather here lately but it feels just like a spring day to-day and here's hoping it stays that way.

"When the tourist arrived home he fell on his face and kissed the pavement of his native city."

"Emotion?"

"No. Banana skin."

A New Real Estate Development

The above pictures are of a recent addition to the Barium Springs real estate. It might properly be called "The Alexander Extension," as the prominent citizens of Alexander have built themselves summer and winter homes in this charming locality which I believe is called "Briartown". The homes designated in this picture have all the conveniences, except plumbing—and who wants a bath tub in the wintertime, anyhow! They have splendid facilities on the outside for skinning rabbits, and on the inside for cooking them.

One other beauty about this particular development is that the houses do not have to be swept. When rubbish gets too deep, they simply move the house to another place, leaving the floor where it is! You will note that the style of architecture has a lot of originality about it, and the interor decorations show just as much individuality.

We understand that Thornwell Orphanage has an annual bon-fire in which all the rubbish that accumulates on the campus during the year is piled up and on Christmas Eve night the bon-fire takes place. We have never had a bon-fire such as that here; and the above picture may explain one of the reasons. These real estators would run out of matrial if such a bon-fire took place. On your next visit to Barium Springs, be sure and look over this "Briartown Extension".

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE

BY MR. JOS. B. JOHNSTON, *Manager*

The past year has been full of a number of things. On first thought it might seem that the majority of these were of an unpleasant nature and we at Barium Springs have felt all of them. The great hurricane of last year hurt very materially the whole Atlantic seaboard, and Barium Springs felt this. It destroyed quite a bit of our crop and we are feeling now the shortage of hay and corn caused by that hurricane. The cotton mills had a hard year, and some of their distresses has been imparted to us in reduced income and increased number of appeals to us. The flu has hit the country pretty hard and we have had our portion of that. We have had an average of thirty cases for over six weeks. It seems to have struck our grown people even to a larger extent than the children.

1928 was election year, also—a year that is usually dreaded by business men everywhere. It means uncertainty and upsetting of normal conditions. Barium Springs has felt the ill effects of that also. In fact, if we just put our mind to it, we can think of enough things to give us a very heavy case of the blues. There has been a financial stringency and bank failures, and this has been felt most acutely at Barium Springs. It is almost impossible to stop piling up in our minds the number of misfortunes that have befallen us during the year; and it is very easy for our minds to be so full of this that everything of a hopeful nature is excluded.

Maybe our minds just refuse to hold too much of this, or for some reason they wish to turn to more pleasant thoughts. Whatever the cause, we want to throw into this gloomy situation some of the things that make us look on the bright side of life here.

Way back in December, at Sunday morning Chapel, it was suggested that we try to think up the things that we at Barium Springs are particularly blessed in; the things that we should be more thankful for than even our country at large. It was decided to use the Sunday morning Chapel period to speak of these things, and that the different cottages here be asked to suggest a subject.

The smaller cottages were given first chance, and the very first selection made by Synod Cottage was Christmas; and when we come to think of it, Christmas at Barium Springs is really a superlative affair. Christmas is a time of happiness all over the world; it is a time when all man-kind should be particularly grateful; but at Barium Springs we should be, and are, doubly so because we believe there is no other place where there is as much happiness with as little unhappiness as our glorious Christmas times here. The next selection was by Annie Louise Cottage, and these little girls chose our Christian Education as exemplified at Barium as a matter for particular thankfulness. This seemed to be a rather large subject for such small girls, but it certainly stands right at the top of the things that we should be thankful for; that we can study the Bible here unhampered by any conflicting of the rights of Church or State; and without any embarrassment as to the teaching of doctrines. In fact, we know of no school of any character that has quite the opportunity to teach the word of God that an orphanage promoted by a denomination has.

The third selection was by Howard Cottage, slightly larger girls, and they chose as their subject, Our Home, this place that shelters us from cold that provides nourishment for our bodies and so many pleasant things for our minds.

It happened that the Sunday that this subject was used was a day when the weather was most unpleasant. It seemed that that particular spell of weather was sent just to emphasize the value of our comfortable buildings.

The next selection was by Lees Cottage, and the subject was, that we should be especially thankful that everybody is taught to work.

We know no adult that has gone through the life that we live here would fail to select this subject; but we were surprised that a bunch of boys ordinarily supposed to hate work, would have chosen this. It is one of the things that we are particularly thankful for, and is one of the very finest things in our lives; that everybody is taught to work and to have a real part in providing for their own needs.

The next selection was Alexander Cottage, boys the same age as Lees and the subject was, Friendship; that we all live here together and love each other and get along together and the more you think about this subject the more thankful you can be that such a condition exists. Everybody at Barium Springs does get along together. We are all too busy to spend much time in gossip. There are so many big things to do. There's such a community of interest that the whole family, grown folks and children together, work together like a united team, and this is one of the reasons why the atmosphere of Barium Springs is such a happy atmosphere. Why people that visit us feel something in the very air of the place that makes them love it.

As we write this, we are still to hear from Jennie Gilmer Cottage, Rumple Hall and both floors of the Lottie Walker Building, and maybe by that time the Infirmary group will have caught their breath long enough from nursing flu patients to select a subject. We don't know whether we will ask the Baby Cottage to select a subject of not. The Baby Cottage itself is certainly not one of the least things for which we should be especially thankful. The work this cottage has enabled the Orphanage to do that was impossible before we had the Baby Cottage, is enough to be in a class by itself.

We believe that these Sunday morning thoughts have been very much needed. We are apt to fill our minds full of the distressing things and the gloomy things that we haven't time left to think of these pleasant things; and sometimes it takes a jolt to wake us up to the fact that life is more full of pleasant things than it is of disagreeable things.

Several years ago, at our matron meetings which were held about every two weeks, quite a lot of the time was used in discussing how to make certain rather bad children behave. Each time we met together the conversation would revert to these particular boys and girls that seemed to be giving trouble in school or in their work or in their general conduct. We would leave the meeting with our brows wrinkled up and more or less depressed at the apparent hopelessness of some cases. Some time after this one of the boys at the place became seriously sick, and when we commenced to talk about him, as naturally we would, we found that, except for the matrons that came in contact with this boy, none of the others had ever heard his name, because his name had never been mentioned in the matron's meetings. He had never given any trouble. He had been a pretty good student, he had done his work well, and was a model boy in pretty near every respect, and yet we hadn't spent any time in discussing his case. This made us stop and ponder a little to see if there were any more boys like him in our family, and we found that the boys like this were far more numerous than the ones like the few that we had been in the habit of discussing so earnestly at our bi-weekly meetings

Of course we want to correct the errors and the things that go wrong in the world, but unless we stop occasionally and refresh our minds by thinking of the pleasant things, we are apt to grow into a gloomy, sour, unpleasant set of individuals.

We have had to fill th Messenger with so many pressing appeals for money. We have had to exploit the plight of the Orphanage in its financial affairs so strenuously, not only through the columns of our paper, but by letter and by conversation, that we are apt to lose sight of the things for which we should be supremely thankful, and this editorial is written to be a sort of an oasis where you can read and rest your mind before adventuring into the more or less desert stretches of the rest of the editorial matter in this paper.

When we think of our Thanksgiving offering, we are distressed. Were this the only year, or the first year that the Orphanage had been cared for by our church, we would be extremely despondent, but we know that in times past there have been times of financial distress that have been followed by a response from our people that have again put our affairs on a solid basis. We have faith to believe that this will happen again; that the backset of this year will be followed by a renewed interest and a more generous attitude by all the people, which will result in a more adequate support than ever before.

Lottie Walker
1st FLOOR

Buenos Dios! Como esta va hoy?

Everyone is all smiles now because exams are finished and most of the grades were excellent.

Have you been seeing any of Barium's basketball games? If not you just ought to. The first team hasn't been defeated at all this year and the boys have been showing a remarkable improvement. We hardly recognized them when they began to playing Saturday night.

The Mitchell College girls have been praticing down here and we are looking forward to seeing them play.

How many of the dignified seniors do you know? They have their table now and you can imagine how dignified they really feel coming in and out the middle door.

Most of our influenza patients are up, but some of the teachers are taking it. We sure hope they will hurry and get better.

Our pastor, Mr. W. C. Brown, has been ill most all winter and we certainly do miss him.

We had two students from Davidson to conduct our church services recently, and we certainly did enjoy them. We always get interesting speakers from Davidson, and they always furnish good music too.

Last of all we want to thank all our friends for the various Christmas boxes that were sent to Barium.

Adios. Sus Aungos
Las puellar.

——P. O. H. ——

Lottie Walker
2nd FLOOR

Here it is time for us to write you again, when it seems only yesterday we wrote you our last letter! We finished our mid-term exams last Friday, and don't you know everybody got out of school shouting! Now it s a good hard pull to "make it" in the Spring term.

We have been enjoying the basketball games our teams are playing. We think a lot of our teams. Of course we girls have been playing for some time, yet this is the first year for our boys, but they are improving right along and by next year we expect them to be champs!

We have been fortunate in having some kind friends send us peanuts and candy, and both taste mighty good as we sit around our sitting room fire Sunday night.

We have been enjoying our good pictures lately. Among some we thought good were "False Alarm", "The Road to Romance", and "Vamping Venus." We think we are most fortunate in having good pictures every Friday night.

Mr. Brown our pastor, has been ill for some time, and we certainly do miss him. We are glad to know he is some better now and hope he will soon be well again and able to take up his work among us.

Since we are too busy to do news gathering we will say good-bye until next time.

——P. O. H. ——

Baby Cottage

This is our first letter since Christmas and it would take a week to tell what a wonderful time we had and all Ole Santa brought us. Our Christmas tree was prettier than it ever was and our play room was so beautifully decorated. We explain with delight, everytime we stepped into it—such beautiful Christmas decorations! Tom was especially pleased with the bells and asked if they were Santa's reindeer. Next A. M. at breakfast he said: "Hermie I didn't get it right at first, but now I know what a reindeer looks like and what a Christmas bell is. Mr. Johnston came and handed our presents off the Christmas tree and we all had so much, we couldn't carry all at two loads and oh what a good time we have had playing with our toys since!!

We had lots of good candy nuts and fruit but one day recently Mr. and Mrs. Green from Statesville came and brought us a big box of grand homemade mints. They are pink, white and green—so dainty and pretty to look at—but taste even better. We eat them after each meal and oh they are good! We wish everyone could just have one bite. Mr. and Mrs. Green come every Christmas and bring this kind of candy and maybe we aren't happy to see them come?

We won't mention Flu cause that 's something bad. We are going to forget we had it, anyway we are all at home now and just as happy as we can be.

Lots of mothers and some daddies came Christmas and we were glad to to see them. Evelyn Coppedge's pretty mother came last Saturday and we all enjoyed her as much as Evelyn did.

Jack and Tom went with Helen and Mrs. Herman to spend the day at the Wiseman's and had such a good time. They brought us some of the best cake we ever ate.

The little girls have tried to take care of their new dolls. Alpha said: "Lillian, Evelyn will break your doll if you don't' watch." Evelyn said: "I didn't eva (even) touch her doll."

We are glad to see Miss Lea come back she was gone a long week. We all remember Mrs. Wooten, we call her "Wootie". She was so good to us when she was here, and now we hear she is in Lynchburg Orphans Home and we hope she will come and visit us sometime.

We are enjoving the lovely weather and play out on the campus everyday

Last week Jim and Joe Johnston ate dinner with us, and we were very glad to have them. Hope they'll come again.

Bible Thought

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee,neither shall there any after thee have the like.—II Chron. 1:12

Synod

Here we are with most three weeks of the new year gone, but we havn't forgotten about Christmas yet. Old Santa and our friends were so good to us that we want to thank them everyone for sending us such nice presents. We have almost turned our cottage into a ranch, we have so many cowboys now. We are also having a big time playing pirate now.

We've all had to spend quite a few days down at the Infirmary in bed with flu. Charlie Mizelle ran quite a high temperature. On arriving at the Infirmary, he informed the other patients that his temperature was four hundred degrees, and when it reaches eight hundred degrees he would die, but we are glad to say that it didn't reach a hundred.

Arnim East's big brother, Harry, gave him a wooden aeroplane. He brought it upstairs to let Miss Turner see it and wanted to know what to name it. Miss Turner suggested calling it "The Lone Eagle." Arnim said, "but Miss Turner, this is a aeroplane."

Its real cold today and looks like it might snow. We certainly hope it does.

The COWBOYS

Howard

Well, here we are again folks! We have had the best Christmas ever, wish you could have been here with us and seen our pretty Christmas tree and had a good time with us. After we got our things, we had a good time playing with them. We got several parchesi games, Rook and checkers and you should have seen us play. If you don't believe we can play Parchesi come and play a game with us. Some of the girls got skates for Christmas and we had a fine time skating. Wilma Dry, Edmona Steele, Grace Christenberry, Irene Shannon, Doris Slate, Bessie Kennedy, Levada Lambert, Bobbie and Edna Marlowe, Charlie Rob Coxwell and Miriam Saunders, had visits from their people during the Christmas holidays. Jane Lyon spent one day in Statesville with Mr. Lyons. Mary Frances Fesperman went home to stay Christmas. We miss her very much.

We are so sorry that Mr. Brown is sick but we are glad to hear he is getting better.

We are through with our mid-term exams. We are all mighty glad and we hope we will make our grades by the end of the year. Mr. J. B. Johston took us for a walk Sunday before last and Mr. Grier, a long walk last Sunday and we certainly do appreciate their taking us on these nice walks.

We want to thank the people who sent us cakes, fruit, candy and peanuts for Christmas. We know they still remember how they liked these things when they were little. No more news until next time.

Miriam Saunders.

Infirmary

We hope everyone is well. Where are all the patients? There's only 26 here now.

Mid-term exams are almost over! Everyone will shout for joy when the day arrives for the last one.

The basketball game with Lexington was very exciting and interesting. It would have been better if the "candy boys" had had change for a quarter so as to buy some "Baby Ruth's".

We are waiting patiently until Mr. Brown is well again. We miss him very much.

Mr. Johnston has been bringing magazines down here for the patients and all of us have enjoyed reading them very much.

We've enjoyed the sermons preached by the different preachers. We expect to hear Mr. Brown again soon.

We'll switch off here as our news has run short.

Wishing everyone good grades on Mid-term examinations.

—Nurses and Cooks

Caller: "What a cozy little breakfast room—and the wall is so artistically splatterdashed."

Mrs. Depew: "Yes, this is where my George eats his grapefruit."

Regular Support---January Receipts

Brotherhood B. C. Salisbury 1st	25.00
Cramerton S.S.	2.83
Aux. Howard Mem.	16.50
Aux Circles 1,2,3 Glenwood	3.00
Tenth Ave. S. S.	25.00
Aux. Pineville	2.00
S. S. Pineville	7.85
Mt. Gilead Church	30.00
Front St. S. S.	8.40
Little Joe's S. S.	3.17
Vanguard B. C., Dunn	35.98
Vanguard B. C.	35.98
Aux Jefferson	1.13
Aux. Mocksville	1.45
N. Wilkesboro Church	9.07
N. Wilkesboro Aux.	4.32
Hills Church	.55
West Jefferson Church	1.88
Buffalo (G)S. S.	11.55
Aux. Westminister	12.00
Lenior Church A Friend	20.00
Four Square Class 1st Vanguard S. S.	8.25
Alamance Church	16.87
Bethesda Church	1.87
Bethlehem Church	27.25
Bethlehem Aux.	10.00
Buffalo (L) Church	3.40
Burlington S. S.	1.87
Chapel Hill Church	60.00
Chapel Hill Aux.	10.52
Church By the side of the road Aux.	15.00
Eno Church	20.00
Fairfield Church	17.25
Aux. Greensboro 1st	22.50
Griers Church	.90
Gulf Church	6.87
Gulf S. S.	8.29
Aux. High Point	18.75
Jonesboro Church	2.60
Jonesboro Aux.	6.10
Meban Church	264.97
Milton Church	5.00
Piedmont Church	.80
Red House Church	19.00
Sanford Church	12.15
Westminister Church	86.85
Yanceville Church	17.67
Bessemer Church	2.63
Burlington S. S.	1.87
Westminister Church	11.45
Aux. 1st Church Durham	15.00
Church of Covenant	135.00
1st Church High Point	125.00
Bethesda S. S.	15.00
S. S. Southport	5.00
Caldwell Mem. Church	92.36
Red Springs Church	72.38
Aux. Red Springs	21.38
Back Creek S. S.	8.56
West End S. S.	9.63
Maxton Church	47.10
Wilmington 1st Church	75.00
Wilmington 1st Aux.	45.00
Delgado S. S.	5.69
S. S. Rocky Mt. 2nd	5.00
Aux. Bensalem	15.00
1st Church Gastonia	125.00
Hopewell S. S.	3.00
Aux. Durham 1st	30.00
Oak Hill Church	4.88
Oak Hill Aux.	10.00
Raleigh 1st Church	54.38
Vanguard 1st Church	3.22
Varina Church	1.00
Warrenton Church	5.63
Rex Church	12.00
Lexington S. S.	14.78
Kings Mt. 1st Church	32.50
Providence Church	1.00
Mocksville S.	7.61
Rockingham S. S.	13.50
Spray Church	9.05
Thyatira S. S.	15.30
R.B. Kistlers C. Thyatira	3.87
Bethel S. S.	2.00
Back Creek Church	9.81
Bayless Mem. Church	1.35
Bethpage Church	3.19
Centre Church	7.13
Cleveland Church	6.00
Concord 1st Church	22.00
Concord 2nd Church	3.34
Davidson Church	173.29
Gilwood Church	3.85
Harrisburg Church	9.71
Kannappolis Church	10.28
Mooresville 2nd Church	32.04
Poplar Tent Church	5.57
Prospect Church	22.18
Quaker Medows Church	3.75
Rocky River Church	67.25
Salisbury 1st Church	70.07
Salisbury 2nd Church	60.60
Sevier Church	11.75
Shiloh Church	12.11
Unity Church	6.77
Steele Creek Church	60.00
Mrs. Choates S. S. C. Steele Creek	4.00
Caldwell Mem. Aux.	3.75
W's B. C. Salisbury 1st	10.00
St. Andrews Church	49.00
Lillington Church	61.50
Warrenton S. S.	2.85
Aux. Hillsboro Church	9.00
Patterson Church By Mr & Mrs A. L. Smith	5.00
Aux. Graham	19.17
Aux. High Point	18.00
Aux. Back Creek Church	1.00
Concord Iredell Church	12.75
Falkland Church	30.00
Aux. Plaza	9.00
Aux. Thyatira	1.30
Shelby Church	43.15
McPherson S. S.	9.73
Aberdeen Church	9.50
Winston Salem 1st S. S.	82 15
Brittain Church	6.81
Covenant Church (Lowell)	8.64
Cramerton Church	5.40
Duncan's Creek Church	.90
Lincolnton 1st Church	13.99
Rutherfordton 1st Church	3.60
Cramerton Aux.	2.16
Plaza Church	10.00
Statesville 1st. Church	70.20
Erwin Church, by a Friend	25.00
Durham 1st. Church	35.00
Highland Church	45.02
Raeford S. S.	75.00
Mallard Creek S. S.	15.00
Vanguard Class, Washington First	15.00
Union Mills S. S.	3.75
Spies S. S.	2.00
Wilson Church	10.60
Aux. Wilmore	5.00
Aux. Westminster	10.00
Iron Station S. S.	5.05
St. Pauls Church	22.50
Aux. Sherwood	3.00
Business Woman's Circle Little Joe's Church	4.00
Circle 1, Little Joe's Church	3.00
Virginia Hall Circle Little Joe's Church	3.00
Y. P. Society Lakeside	5.00
Aux. Raeford	15.57
Beth Carr S. S.	12.00
Ephesus Church	4.80
Jr. C. E. Parkton	5.00
Jackson Springs Church	9.12
Aux. Beth Car	5.00
Youngs Men's B. C. Statesville 1st	30.40
Phillips Fidelis Class, Charlotte 2nd	25.00
Aux. Wallace	58.00
Boy's Club, Charlotte 2nd	20.00
Caswell Church	10.00
Waughtown Church	3.21
Aux. Raleigh 1st	11.00
Hope Mills S. S.	10.32
Aux. Rocky Mount 1st	19.06
Calypso S. S.	4.00
Aux. Center	2.00
Center Church	5.00
Aux. Circle 1, 2, 3 Glenwood	3.00
Aux. 1, Greensboro 1st	10.00
Aux. 2, Greensboro 1st	6.00
Aux. 15, Greensboro 1st	6.00
Aux. Elise	1.00
Glade Valley Church	1.50
Mocksville Church	4.57
Lexington Aux.	6.60
Mt. Airy Aux.	2.82
N. Wilkesboro Church	.07
Aux. Winston-Salem	15.00
Reynolda Aux.	7.00
Aux. Salisbury 2nd	5.00
Aux. Mt. Pisgah	2.00
Agnes Penick Aux., Rocky River	7.00
Aux. Rocky Mount	10.00
Aux. Pinetops	4.00
Aux. Tarboro	6.00
Aux. Wilson	24.00
Jennie K. Hill Bible Class, Rocky Mount	5.00
Aux. Circle 11, Greensboro 1st	5.00
Aux. Circle 13, Greensboro 1st	10.15
Aux. Circle 14, Greensboro 1st	10.00
Little Joe's S. S.	4.28
Rocky River S. S.	32.48
Long Creek S. S.	2.17
Front St. S. S.	11.41
Gastonia First Church	125.00
Mocksville S. S.	7.72
Rocky Point S. S.	1.25
Myers Park Church	288.44
Myers Park Church, Jno. A. Tate	75.00
Myers Park Church, Mrs. Mary Neil Lowe	25.00
Ashpole S. S.	2.75
Aux. Iona	4.00
Olney Church	20.00
S. S. First Church Concord	108.10
Sandy Grove Church	5.00
S. S. Charlotte 2nd.	210.00
Aux. Bethpage	1.00
Pineville S. S.	4.12
Wilmington First Church	115.00
Morven S. S.	5.00
Grand Total	**$4,985.28**

MUSIC CLUB ORGANIZED

On Saturday, January 19th, the Music Class met at Miss Greene's Studio to organize a music club. After much discussion "The Saint Cecilia Music Club" was chosen for the name.

The club is to meet monthly at which time a program prepared by the program committee will be given.

As this was the first meeting and no program rendered, the following officers were elected:

Edna McMillan	President
Mary Brown	Vice President
Matoka Torrence	Sec.-Treas.
Miss Reba Thompson	Critic
Alice Craig	Reporter
Miss Greene	Chairman
Elma Roderick—Program Committee	
Lucile Long	

A Correction.

In the January Messenger. Efrid's Department Store at Lumberton was credited with two dozen towels. It should have been by Mr. Archie Thompson for Thompson Memorial Room.

Clothing Boxes

Greenville, First Church, E. C. T. C. Class, one box.
Gulf, Auxiliary, one box.
Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids Aux. Cir, 4, one box.

Gifts

Durham, F. W. Woolworth, donation of half hose.

Wagram Montpelia Church, 45 qts. of peaches and soup.

Reidsville Presbyterian Church, one bbl. potatoes.

Hamlet, Sunday School, Crate of oranges apples candy toys rice and other supplies.

Sanford Beginners Dept.,, box of oranges, apples, candy, and canned fruit.

Books given to the Library as follows:

Charles Owen, one; Jimmy Campbell, two; Paul Cornett, one; Ben Fort, one; Margaret Pittman, two; Miss Lulie Andrews, one.

Davidson, a friend, two dolls.

Grover, Jr. C. E. Soc., donation hose for Baby cottage.

Clarkton Mrs. A. C. Johnston, coat cap and muffler.

Benson Wildwood Aux., one quilt, pr. pants, two dresses and one shirt.

Raeford, Bethel Church, circle 3, one quilt.

Cameron, Cameron Mill Aux., two quilts.

Wilmington, St. Andrews Church, donation of tooth paste.

Morganton, Mrs. Mary E. Martin, clothing.

Broadway, High School Girls' Circle, Mount Pisgah Church, wash cloths and soap.

China Grove, Thyatira Church, Aux. two quilts.

Burlington, Circle 3, First Pres. Church One Quilt.

A Request.

In case friends or relatives have sent packages to the children here or for the Home and have not had an acknowledgment, please let us know, so we may look the matter up.

——P. O. H.——

When the colored couple were being married by the clergyman and one words, "Love, honor and obey" were spoken, the bridegroom interrupted: "Read that again, suh. Read it once moh, so's de lady kin ketch de full solemnity ob de meanin.' I'se been married befoah."

"Why did you stop singing in the choir?"

"Because one day I didn't sing and somebody asked if the organ had been fixed."

Sewing Room

Every one is busy trying to carry out their New Year's Reoslutions to study hard, but most of us have found it impossible and have given it up.

The 'flu' has been raging on our campus for several weeks, but so far we have had only a few serious cases. Several of our teachers have also been sick and we have missed them, but we have had able substitutes in their places.

Our pastor, Mr. Brown, who has been seriously ill, is rapidly recovering. We certainly hope he will be back with us soon. During his absence Mr. Carter, from Taylorsville, made a very interesting lecture on the life of Samson. Dr. Blain, Mr. Grier's brother-in-law, made two interesting talks Sunday about China and his work there.

Our boys' basketball team has been improving by leaps and bounds, and we hope to see them win a game by the time the season is out. The girls have been winning all the games they have played.

Miss dams has gone to her sister's for the week-end, and Miss Thomas has been substituting in her place.

Dr. Carr of Mooresville, is conducting a teacher's training class this week in the old school building and those who attended the first meeting were very enthusiastic and are going to bring more next time.

Two of our girls gave a blood transfusion last week and we thought they were very brave. It gave them sore arms for a few days, but that was all.

——P. O. H.——

SONG OF LIFE

Keep thinking of joy and joy becomes
A sweet reality;
Keep happiness within you
And your world moves happily;
Be kind and kindness takes your hand;
Be just and Justic rules your land
Live what you will to be;
Give and the world is free.
Keep thinking of Peace and Peace becomes
Keep cheerfulness within you
A thing of eternity;
Keep cheerfulness within you
And the world sings cheerily;
Keep serving others on the way
So each night ends a perfect day;
Help—and the help you give
Makes strong your right to live.
—Hal Finch, In The Orphan Helper.

——P. O. H.——

Miscel. Support

Mrs. J. H. & D. M. McKinney Christmas	2.00
F.P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
A Fayetteville Friend	6.00
Dr. Wilbern Jackson, Clinton	8.33
Mrs. A.P. Tharpe, Rocky Mt.	10.00
Isadore Wallace, Statesville In lieu flowers Mrs. Jno. A. Brady	5.00
S.W. Hoffman, Statesville in lieu flowers Mrs. Jno. A. Brady	2.50
A Winston-Salem friend, Thanksgiving	10.00
David J. Craig, Statesville, in lieu flowers A.M. Smyre	5.00
Miss Mary L. Crawford, Goldsboro	1.00
Mrs. J.H. Hoffman, Statesville, in lieu flowers Mrs. Jno. A. Brady	2.50
A Lumber Bridge friend	50.00
A Friend	40.00
Jas. Sloan, Redlands, Cal	200.00
Mrs. Gerrit Walker, Wilmington	1.00
M. M. Allen, Oxford	5.00
A Barium Friend	2.50
TOTAL	$362.83

——P. O. H.——

Little Willie had gone to bring the new kittens in. His mother, hearing a shrill meeowing, called out: "Don t hurt the kittens, Willie."

"Oh no," said Willie, "I'm carrving them very carefully by the stems."

Insurance Agent: "Madam, is your husband at home?"

Lady: "Yes, he's in the barn with the cattle."

Insurance Agent: "Shall I have any trouble finding him?"

Lady: "No, he's the only one with whiskers."

Many of us spend half our time wishing for things which we could have if we didn't spend half our time in just wishing.

Generally the fellow who thinks others are holding him back, is merely rumbling along with his brakes dragging.

If you don't like a person, stay away from him, but don't cheapen yourself by knock ng him.

EXCHANGES *and* Wheezes

Nancy Lee: "I'd like to try on that rose colored dress in the window."

Salesman: "Sorry, Miss, that's a lamp shade."

Precisely

"How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"

"Neither. It's a calling!"

Usher (to cold, dignified lady)—"Are you a friend of the groom?"

The Lady—"No indeed! I'm the bride's mother."

The Location

She—"Did I ever show you the place where I hurt my hip?"

He—"N-no."

She—"All right, we'll drive over there."

It was the first time Dorothy had ever seen a street-sprinkler. "Oh, mother!" she exclaimed, with wide-open eyes, "just see what that man's got on the back of his wagan to keep the boys from hitching on behind."

Department Store Manager: "The clerk in the butter department says he's not going to lie about our butter any more."

The Boss: "What salary does he get?"

Manager: "Eight dollars a week."

The Boss: "Give him nine."

The Bride's Hymn.

Can-opener, 'tis of thee,
Friend in emergency,
Of thee we sing.
When burnt is the steak,
And sinks the ten-pound cake,
You save a tummy ache,
Oh, kitchen king!

OR A PIPE ORGAN

Pat—"Say, Mike did yez hear about that big fiddler dying? He thought so much of his violin he had it buried with him."

Mike—"No, yez don't mane it? It's a dom good thing he didn't play the piano."

Thanksgiving Returns

Aux. Charlotte 2nd	807.00
Winston-Salem 1st. Church	101.88
Highland Church	5.00
Montpelier Church	80.00
Aux. Tenth Ave	28.00
N. Wilkesboro Church	151.00
Westminister Church Charlotte	112.50
White Hill S. S.	12.57
Williams Mem. Church	37.10
Nahalah S. S.	5.00
St. Pauls S. S.	77.77
Oxford S. S. & Church	84.53
Graves Mem. Church	51.16
Stanley S. S.	13.82
Columbus S. S.	5.00
East Burlington Church	1.45
St. Paul's S. S.	55.00
Mt. Airy 1st Church	130.00
Brittian Church	5.00
Sardis Church	14.00
Mooresville 1st Church By a Member	2.00
Greensboro 1st Church	1,001.43
Graham Church	164.19
McPherson Church, Mrs. Grace J. McArthur	3.00
Westminster Church	13.25
Wallace Church	35.10
Fayetteville 1st. Church	416.98
Aux. Kinston	6.00
Hope Mills S. S.	10.06
Mt. Zion Church	64.47
Newton Church	160.00
Pee Dee Church	12.50
Pee Dee Aux.	5.00
TOTAL,	$3,526.84

(Note): Last month Laurinburg S. S. was given credit for $66.29 instead of Laurel Hill S. S.

——P. O. H. ——

One thorn of experience is worth a wilderness of warning.

If a thing ought to be done, it can be done, and someone will find a way to do it.

What makes that new baby at your home cry so much, Tommy?

It don't cry so much, and anyway, if you had all your hair off and your teeth out and your legs so weak you couldn't stand on 'em I guess you'd feel like crying too.

Alexander - Dairy

Well, Christmas has past and we had a good time with our fireworks and Christmas things. We have started back to school and are trying hard to get our examination for half of the year.

The Infirmany is stuffed full of sick people and a few of them are from our cottage. We are glad to have Milton Gaskill back from the hospital at Gastonia.

AT THE CROSSROADS

He stood at the crossroads all alone,
The sunrise in his face
He had no thought ffor the world unknown,
He was set for a manly race.
But the road stretched east and the road stretched west,
And the boy did not know which road was best.
So he took the wrong road, and went down,
And he lost the race and the victor's crown,
He was caught at last in an angry snare,
Becaus no one stood at the croosroads there,
To show him the better road.
Anothe day at the self-same place,
A boy with high hopes stood;
He too was set for manly race,
He was seeking the things that were good.
But one was there who the roads did know,
And that one showed him which way to go;
So he turned away from the road that went down,
And he won the race and the victor's crown,
He walks to-day the Highway fair,
Because one stood at the crossroads there,
To show him the better road.

—Author Unknown